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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Fred Greene, State

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Mr. Herbert W. Taylor, Army

Capt. J. E. Whatton, Navy

Col. Ernest F. John, Air Force

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SUBJECT : China Intelligence Activities

1. The position of DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator was created about two years ago to add impetus to the intelligence community efforts on the China problem, to monitor and review these efforts for the DCI, and as appropriate to make recommendations concerning the future direction of intelligence efforts against Communist China. Subsequently, each USIB agency and the Military Services designated senior individuals as representatives to the China Intelligence Activities Coordination Group which was formed to assist the China Coordinator in carrying out these responsibilities. We have met as a group some fifteen times to discuss given problem areas or to hear briefings on various matters of common interest. For the most part, however, I have worked informally with each agency in furthering development of specific activities, in reviewing various individual efforts, and in helping wherever it has been practical to do so.

2. During the last two years there have been some improvements in the overall China effort and in the intelligence produced. At this time, however, it seems appropriate to take a close look

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at where we stand with regard to our intelligence needs on China, the efforts which we have underway to improve our overall intelligence position on China, and any additional actions which may still be needed to bring our knowledge on this target to desired levels.

3. In order that I may develop an up-to-date status of our intelligence activities on Communist China, it is requested that you answer the following questions:

- a. What do you consider to be our most critical intelligence need on Communist China in the short- and long-term?
- b. Is the present priority on Communist China at the correct level? What is the general recognition of that priority?
- c. Are there any feasible additional collection efforts which we should be making? What collection areas seem to warrant the greatest effort?
- d. Do you have specific recommendations for further improvements in our intelligence production efforts on Communist China? Include individual component or agency production activities, inter-agency production activities, and the various processing and production support activities.
- e. Do you have specific recommendations about what could and should be done to further improve training and professionalization of our China intelligence resources? Have these resources decreased, remained stable, or increased?
- f. Are there any specific projects on which you believe added effort would be particularly beneficial in the short-term; in the long-term?
- g. Do you have any other comments or suggestions concerning the effort against the Chinese Communist target?

4. Your responses need not be confined to your own agency's area of responsibility.

5. May I have your reply by 27 May 1967.

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DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator

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